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FAIRS.

Gambling Has All Been Eliminated. Be Truly Agricultural.

"The country fairs last year in this state showed the greatest improvement of any held in the last twenty years," said Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Martin recently, "and I can say that this year's fairs will eclipse those of last year."

"The most marked improvement is shown in the encouragement given to purely agricultural exhibits, and the interest seems to centre in them. Of course there were many simple amusements at the fairs, but games of chance, all kinds of gambling, were eliminated. And last year there were more expert judges, some of them sent out by the department, and they not only gave exhibitors the benefit of their good judgment, but they also gave short talks explaining the points of merits, and the agricultural classes were delighted and instructed. All of this was an improvement over the fairs that were held before. In fact there more agriculture at the fairs than ever before.

"Gambling has been done away with. No more do we see the sweat boards and the roulette wheels and the hundreds of other gambling devices against which no man living can win, and which were the cause of so much robbery of people who attended the fairs for pleasure. I think the worst exhibition of gambling I have ever seen—the most shameless robbery that ever took place, was in Dauphin county at the Middletown fair. Men were held up and robbed in broad daylight right in front of the judges' stand on the race track and nobody made a protest except the victim and no attention was paid to him. I attended that fair two years ago and went away sick because of the flagrant swindling right in the open. But even this has been done away with and last year there was no gambling at the Middletown fair."

Fairs to be held this year are as follows: Graingers' Picnic, Williams' Grove, August 27-31; Carlisle, September 25-28; Middletown, September 4-7; Perry, September 17-20; York, October 1-5.

Mason and Dixon Line.

Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown has appointed Captain J. C. Wilson and J. C. Satterlee, of Corry, a commission to examine the condition of the monuments along Mason & Dixon's line between Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Some ten years ago the monuments were examined and a number of them were found to have been removed or broken, while others were so badly scarred as to be almost unrecognizable. New ones took their places and these are to be examined to see what condition they are in, and whether any have been removed, destroyed or injured. The work will take about one month.

Shippensburg State Normal School.

The Shippensburg State Normal School, by reasons of the thorough and practical instruction and training its graduates receive stands in the front rank of the Normal Schools of the country. A diploma from the Shippensburg State Normal School is accepted everywhere in the state as evidence of thorough scholarship and practical skill in teaching. Every year more applications come to the Principal for teachers than he is able to fill. The outlook for well qualified teachers have no difficulty in securing good positions. One of the best ways to become a good teacher is to take a complete course at the Shippensburg State Normal School. Write to the principal, G. M. D. Eckels, Shippensburg, Pa., for a catalogue of this excellent school.

A GOOD SCHEME.

Maryland Jail Prisoners to Work Out Fare.

From Hagerstown Mail. Steps will be taken within the next week to enforce the power conferred by the last Legislature upon the County Commissioners to put to work on the county roads all able bodied prisoners serving jail sentences for petty offenses.

The county will provide stone to be broken on its roads on the outskirts of the city, and hire a deputy to keep the men at work and incidentally their taking French leave.

It is not thought best to hamper the prisoners with ball and chain, as such sights might arouse public sympathy towards the prisoners, besides interfering to a considerable extent with their work.

A crew of five or six prisoners will in all probability be sent out with one deputy, thus enabling the deputy to see that all keep the hammer moving, besides minimizing the chances for escape.

It is the intention of this act to relieve the county of the onerous burden of caring for a lot of habitual drunks and worthless whites and negroes, whose perchance for leisure often lands them as guests of the Sheriff at the county's expense.

With the enforcement of this act the county will in a few years be amply recompensed for its expense for prisoners by having good suburban roads. This course may also, incidentally, do missionary work in the way of creating an inspiration for work among the habitually tired habits of the country jail.

Wages at a Standstill.

Statistics collected by the bureau of labor of the U. S. Department of Commerce and Labor to be published within the next few days, show that while the cost of living has advanced in the last year, there has been no corresponding increase in wages. This is the first time the bureau has admitted that wages have not kept pace with the advanced cost of living.

Furthermore, there is nothing in the situation to indicate that the limit of high prices has been reached. On the contrary, the outlook is that the cost of the necessities of life will go to more excessive lengths.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Easton Stinson and daughters Myrtle and Lillian, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Stinson, Sunday.

Nannie Mort returned home, a few days ago, after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Susie A. Stouffer.

Mrs. Mary Tenenborg purchased the J. R. Linn property in Maddensville. Consideration \$350.

Mrs. G. W. Mort, of Sixmile Run, visited her parents, C. B. Ramsey and wife, on Sunday.

Mrs. Barton Taylor and daughter Nellie, visited Abram Hershley's on Sunday.

J. A. Henry, wife and daughter visited Isaiah Madden's on Sunday.

KNOBVILLE.

There were quite a lot of people attended the sale of Wm. Greer on Saturday. Mr. Greer intends starting for California in a few days. We are sorry to lose "Dad." Emory Giant attended the Shade Gap picnic Saturday.

Ella and Bessie Wagner, of Pittsburg, are visiting their parents.

Lola Wilson and Mame Snyder spent Sunday with the former's grandfather, Rev. D. W. Kelso.

Alice Mock spent Sunday with her sister May, who is employed in the home of Henry Anderson.

Ira Fore and wife spent Sunday with Alice Long.

Mrs. Margaret Hamland daughter Virgie, of Hagerstown, are visiting their friends around here.

A TEMPLE OF BUDDHA.

One Recently Transported From Japan.

In this free land the pious or the superstitious may worship anything or nothing without causing comment. But we have not yet grown accustomed to the worship of Buddha, and the sight of Japanese appealing to the gods of their island home is one to cause a national cringing of necks. The shrine that is the mecca for pious orientals is a temple recently set up by Japanese workmen in a shady corner of Fairmount park, Philadelphia. It was never intended as a place of worship, but was set up merely as a curiosity for American visitors to the park. Just as pious Americans in a foreign land, however, would avail themselves of the privilege of praying and meditating in a Christian church, so Japs who live in Philadelphia, or who go there on foreign ships, seek the favor of their own gods in the quaint retreat just erected in Fairmount park.

The temple is said to be the only one outside of Japan. The Japs are indebted to John H. Converse and Samuel M. Vanclein for the privilege of worshipping Buddha in a foreign land. Once within the sacred portals, Buddhists might imagine themselves back in the land of the lotus. Wide-eyed and gentle-visaged goddesses await the coming of the believer, wonderfully carved symbols adorn the altars, mother of pearl incense bowls are at hand for the faithful, and Buddhist deities in various poses invite a continuance of the homage to which they were accustomed in the land of their origin. It is very interesting, very oriental, and ancient enough to satisfy the most exacting lover of the antique. The temple was built more than 300 years ago at the village of Furimachi, province of Hadachi, Japan, by Lord Satake Globu-no-Tayu, of the noble Satake family, in memory of his father, and for the peaceful rest of his departed soul. It is two stories high and resembles an Indian pagoda in its architecture. There is an outside balcony on the second story encircling the structure, which is 45 feet high, 30 feet wide and 16 feet in depth. Its roof is tiled, as are all Buddhist temples, in distinction from Shinto temples, which are always straw thatched. The chrysanthemum, which is the Japanese imperial crest, is seen prominently upon the roof. It was allowed to be put there when the imperial tablet was conferred upon the Temple Scioiji. The two Devis, Brahma and Indra, stand on either side of the gates guards of the temple. Fantastic and fabulous beasts carved out of wood project from every beam and support, corresponding to the gargoyles of Christian ecclesiastical architecture. The old bronze bell, which hangs on the balcony was cast 450 years ago, and was used to summon the devout to prayer.

In the interior of the second floor are the shrines and religious treasures. The shrine of the Goddess of Mercy stands in the center, guarded on each side by two sacred dogs which were carved 600 years ago. Hung about are the curious cymbals, gong, bells and drums which are used in the religious ceremonies. On the wall hangs a picture of the Buddhist paradise, painted on silk. Eternal Buddha is seen in one corner. The mural paintings are by the best artists of the time, and the design is different in each panel.

Among the regular visitors to the temple are members of the Japanese colony at the University of Pennsylvania. One student, a devout worshipper of Buddha, is almost a daily visitor to the shrine in the park. He is always alone, and is very careful to see that no mocking freshman or sophomore follows him to the scene of his devotion. Only the flesh and blood guardians of the temple, and Brahma, the fierce-looking image who eternally scowls at the visitors, see the little student burn incense to the gods of his homeland.

SAYS CHARLIE ROSS LIVES.

Galveston Police Know a Man Who Knows All About It.

The Police Department at Galveston, Texas, has located a man believed to be Joseph L. Douglass, one of the abductors of Charlie Ross, in July, 1874. This man has been a resident of Galveston for many years. It has never been proved that Douglass was dead, although it was claimed he was wounded at the time his comrade in the abduction, William Misher, was killed while robbing a house in Brooklyn.

He has said that he could tell something about Charlie Ross in 10 words, but he tears to do so. He says that Ross is still living.

The police are confident that he was associated in the Ross kidnapping and they believe he will some day confess.

TURKEYS OUT OF NEST COSTS \$250.

Defence is that Domestic Birds Wandered into Field and Hatched Them.

Secretary Kalbfus, of the State Game Commission was at Williamsport recently attending the hearing of the famous test case involving capture of wild fowls for rearing. There is a state law act of June 4, 1897, which prohibits taking of any game birds except shooting with a gun. Wild turkeys are held to be game.

Abraham Sanders, of Cogan Station, took ten turkeys captive to rear them. He was arrested by a game warden on a charge that he had violated the law by taking them from their nest while but chicks. Alderman Kallenbach gave the hearing at Williamsport yesterday.

Secretary Kalbfus had as experts on the identity of wild turkeys John Crum, of Newport, Perry county, aged 72 years, and G. F. Bruner, aged 67 years, of Petersburg. The former testified to having shot 300 wild turkeys in his day and Mr. Bruner said he had killed 265.

Both these men, a few days ago, at Cove Station, picked from a flock of domestic turkey chicks the three alleged wild turkey chicks that Warden Berner confiscated at Farmer Sanders place. This they did, the witness explained, by the characteristics of the wild bird, small head, bulging eye, bronze feathers and peculiar ly alert gait.

The defense offered no evidence and Sanders was fined \$250, \$5 for each turkey chick taken. He has appealed the case, and will not deny the taking, but his contention will be that the turkeys are the offspring of domestic parents that wandered into the field and nested.

The case has attracted much attention among sportsmen.

WILL EXPERIMENT.

A Test will be Made to Learn More of Fly in Wheat.

Mr. C. B. Hege, of Marion, has secured a tract of land near the railroad station at that place where experiments on the work of the fly upon the wheat will be made by the United States and the State agricultural departments.

The tract of land is 514 feet long by 85 wide. A row of wheat will be planted every few days, beginning on August 10th and running up until October. The same seed and same fertilizer will be used on each row. The experiment will be continued annually for ten years.

The object is to see just what part of the year the fly attacks the wheat and when it does not, so as to determine the best time to sow, and also to ascertain whether or not the fly attacks each year or how often it does. The experiment will be watched with much interest.

J. K. Johnston is now in the Eastern cities buying his stock of fall and winter goods.

INDEPENDENCE HALL.

Will Attract Thousands to Pennsylvania's Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.

The decision of the Pennsylvania state commission to reproduce Independence Hall as its state building at the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, to be held by the shore of Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, next year, has been promptly followed by active work on the construction. The contract was let a few days after the commission decided to utilize Independence Hall as a model, and in all probability Pennsylvania will be the first state to have its building finished. The hall will be reproduced in every detail exactly as it stands to-day on the north side of Independence Square in Philadelphia. The thousands who know its general outline from having seen pictures of it will have an opportunity to see the famous old building at close range. The square white-steeped clock tower at the base of which rests Liberty Bell, the most famous relic of America's early days as a nation, will be one of the landmarks of the exposition. Thus, when the Liberty Bell goes there next year, it will have a home in every respect similar to the one it now occupies.

Independence Hall is considered by architects to be one of the most perfect specimens of the colonial style in public buildings. This will put it in perfect harmony with the standard adopted by the designers of the exposition. As it is, despite its size, probably one of the most famous buildings in the world, there can be no doubt that the choice of the Pennsylvania commission was the wisest possible choice. Thousands will be attracted to Pennsylvania's exhibit by reason of its building and the added attraction furnished by the presence of the Liberty Bell, the most venerable and cherished of America's historical relics.

WEST DUBLIN.

Some snake stories have been promised us later. Here is a sample: Nathan Deshong and John Mumma killed twenty-seven in two days.

G. W. Foreman and family, of Wells Valley, were the guests of C. M. Brant's family Sunday.

Brownie Reeder and Drew Laidig attended the picnic at Shade Gap last Saturday.

S. H. Hockensmith was somewhat crippled last Friday while plowing for J. E. Lyon. Yellow jackets stung one of the horses and the team start with more than a double quick movement, throwing Mr. Hockensmith about and considerably injuring him.

Clarence Hoover, of Lacking Creek township, spent Sunday with his mother here.

James Edwards, who has been employed in Johnstown for some time, is visiting his parents Jos Edwards and wife.

Daisy Hoover spent a few days last week with friends at Huston town.

Emma and Luemma Laidig, of Hustontown, spent Saturday and Sunday at J. E. Lyon's.

Mrs. Jennie Downs and son Glenn, of Clearfield, and Mrs. S. Downes, of Pittsburg, are visit-relatives in this township.

There was a fair attendance at the picnic and festival held by the Fairview Sunday school on Saturday, and a fair sum realized for the parsonage debt.

Among those from a distance who attended the picnic on Saturday were, Wm. Bender, of McConnellsburg; Amos and Lucy Paightel, and Don and Joanna Morton—all of Tod township, and Florida Clevenger, of Washington, D. C.

Thomas Huston spent Sunday at George Taylor's. He taught the P. C. Grove school last winter and has secured a school in Huntingdon county for the next term.

The Odd Fellows will hold a picnic on top of the mountain next Thursday.

DEATHS BY LIGHTNING.

Facts and Figures Which Should Reassure the Timid.

Timid people who are afraid of being killed by lightning should take refuge in statistics rather than in feather beds, says the Boston Transcript. The one victim of the storm which swept over Boston recently, was leaning against an iron bar. Yet even in this dangerous environment, his chances of being killed were so remote that the experience might be safely repeated by somebody else thousands of times. The number of people who are actually killed by lightning, is hard to ascertain, because it is so small that in most cases such deaths go into the table as "other causes," or are concealed in some other fashion. The Boston Board of Health, for example, uses the Bertillon registry system, and here deaths caused by lightning would be hidden under "electrical disturbances," which includes also executions by electricity, third rail casualties, fatal falls from electric light poles and live wires, fatal shocks from dynamo, etc. The registry department, which classifies deaths more correctly, does not record a single instance of a person being killed by lightning in Boston since 1901. In the whole state there appears to have been but three persons killed by electric shocks from the clouds in the last three years.

These figures ought to be reassuring to those who always shudder whenever they see a flash of lightning, in the thought that it is bearing death in its wake. There is something so intangible about the bolt from the clouds, that the reasoning faculties of certain people seem to be suspended during thunder storms. They shrink from the mysterious power, even though it may be shown that more people die from the bite of the common house cat than from lightning. Such has been the case in the past.

Another reason for the common fear of lightning is our unfamiliarity with it. If thunderstorms happen every day of the year we should probably lose our fears. Tuberculosis kills more men than war, and we do not spend millions for fighting it that we do in preparing coast defenses and erecting great navies. People do not like to go to war, because they may get killed, but they run risks just as great in unsanitary conditions at home to which they give no thought. The deadly microbe is always with us, the lightning seldom. Moreover, its sudden action gives a dramatic terror to the occasional blow which it delivers, making it vastly more impressive than are the quiet and more insidious foes of human life.

LUTHERAN PASTOR REMOVED.

President of Central Penn. Synod would not Tender Resignation.

Middleburg, Aug. 5.—The Rev. D. K. Diehl, pastor of the Lutheran church of this place, and Hasinger's congregation, two miles west of here, was removed from the pulpit of the latter place this morning. He had been quietly asked to resign on three or four occasions, but he stubbornly refused. Even during the past week a committee had waited upon him and asked him to resign and avoid the unpleasant duty of dismissing him, but he would not, and today the congregation voted unanimously to dismiss him.

If the resignation does not follow now the Middleburg congregation threatens to follow the example of her sister congregation. Mr. Diehl is president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church which meets here in September. The congregation agreed if he would resign now to take effect after the meeting of Synod they would not take the proceedings enacted to-day, but to no avail.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

John B. Sipes, of Laidig, spent Friday in town on business.

Thomas Sipes, of Saxton, was a McConnellsburg visitor Monday night.

James H. Kirk, of Hustontown, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Fairview.

Myrtle Sipes spent Friday and Saturday the guest of her cousin Sallie Hoop at Harrisonville.

David Malloy and John S. Harris were out at Harrisonville last Wednesday fishing for cat fish.

Harry Figart, of Altoona, who had been visiting friends in Wells Valley, spent Monday night in this place.

Levi Morton of Pleasant Ridge, one of Fulton's progressive teachers, was a town visitor last Monday.

Jacob Comerer and family, of Mercersburg, were guests of the former's parents, a few days this week.

Mrs. L. H. Wible and son Oram are visiting the former's parents James Stewart and wife at Green Hill.

Robert and Scott Alexander of this place, spent the past week very pleasantly with relatives at Chambersburg.

Blanche Morton, of this place, spent a few days in the family of her uncle, Hiram Clevenger at West Dublin, recently.

Mrs. John Hull, of Mansfield, Ohio, has been spending some time with Mrs. Sabina E. Mellott at Gem.

Miss Sadie Fisher, of Ayr township, has been elected teacher of the Wingert school in Warren township, Franklin county.

Mrs. C. B. Stevens and mother Mrs. Hannah Goldsmith, were called to Everett last Saturday on account of the serious illness of the latter's son Harry.

Mrs. J. E. Downes, of Clearfield, Pa., who is visiting friends in this county, was a profitable caller at the News office early Monday morning.

P. M. Snider, wife and daughter Julia, who had been visiting relatives in Everett, spent Sunday night in this place, the guests of Mrs. Snider's sister, Mrs. Hays, enroute to the home at Waynesboro.

Prof. H. E. Gress and family, of Jamonville, Pa., are visiting their many friends and relatives in this county. Harry came in and advanced his subscription on the Fulton County News last Saturday morning while in town.

WELLS VALLEY.

Mrs. V. D. Sehenck is visiting friends in Hollidaysburg.

Mrs. S. P. Wisbart is visiting friends in Mifflin, Pa.

Mrs. Margaret Lyon, of West Dublin, is visiting friends here.

Harry Figart, of Altoona, is visiting Prof. Griffith.

Thomas Sipe, of Saxton, is circulating over the valley, saying hello to old acquaintances.

Miss Felton and Miss Bozley, of Woodvale, are guests in the home of Will Foreman and wife.

Sue Orth, of Fort Littleton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Early.

Edith Haldeman, of Philadelphia, and Bess Conley, of Everett, are visiting Maude Baumgardner.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their annual picnic, Saturday. Everyone reports a delightful time.

Master Frank Baker spent a part of last week in Saxton. He reports a big time with the Saxton lads.

Mrs. Jerry Sprowl met with a very painful accident recently by falling down the cellar stairs.